

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (I) comprises ( $\pm$ )-cis-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or salt of an ester thereof.

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (I) comprises (-)-cis-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or salt of an ester thereof.

5. The method according to claim 4 wherein the compound of formula (I) is substantially free of the corresponding (+)-enantiomer.

6. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the compound of formula (I) is adapted for oral administration.

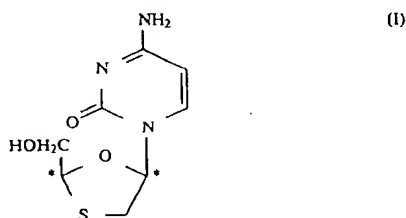
7. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the compound of formula (I) is adapted for parenteral administration.

8. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the compound of formula (I) is in unit dosage form.

9. The method according to claim 8 wherein the compound is present in an amount of from 10 to 1500 mg.

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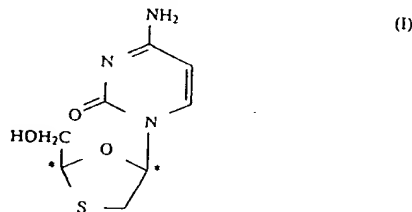
✓ 10. A method for the treatment of a human, suffering from hepatitis B infection, comprising administering to said human an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or salt of an ester thereof.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the compound of formula (I) is (-)-cis-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or salt of an ester thereof.

✓ 12. A method for the treatment of a human, suffering from hepatitis B infection, comprising administering to said human of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the compound of formula (I) is (-)-cis-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. The method according to claim 10, comprising administering a compound of formula (I).

15. The method according to claim 13, comprising administering a compound of formula (I).